

As an advocate for Mom 'n Pop operations, I'm strongly against Bell South's request. My impression of their arguments is, "Well, we already control 90% of the market we operate in, why not squash the competition and go for the full 100%. Nobody'll notice anyway."

As much as I hate to admit it, there needs to be some regulation of ISP's. The existing reg's are quite fair. Please deny this request.

I am a customer of an "independant" ISP in Northern California (Sonic.net). I am able to get the access I want, at the prices I want with the features I want. Comparable features and speed with the "Major" ISP in my area (SBC/Yahoo) cost more than twice as much.

Example: I have 8 static IPv4 Addresses, a large block of IPv6 address space and have 6Mbps/768kbs for around \$55/month with Sonic.net. With SBC/Yahoo, it would cost me almost \$150/month not to mention the hours of phone time and letter writing to get just 4 static IPv4 addresses... SBC/Y! doesn't even know what IPv6 is, much less offer access to a 6bone (backbone to the IPv6 Network). Having access to the IPv6 network is critical to my job/work.

By further laxing the regulations, it runs the risk of higher prices for me as a customer of an indy-ISP... or even the possibility of SBC/Y! to deny Sonic.net the privilege to resell internet access.

I implore you. Please deny BellSouth's request to relax the regulations on ISPs.

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